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## 2019 Attendee Turning Competition

Sponsored by Nova Tools, Harvey Machinery, Robert Sorby, and  
Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

Attendees of the 2019 AAW Symposium are invited to show off their turning skills in a friendly competition, which will be held in the trade show between the rotations and sessions.

Sponsored by Nova Tools, Harvey Machinery, Robert Sorby, Klingspor and others, the competition will be open on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 18 turners to sign up.

The competition is open to turners of all skill levels. Competitors will be seeded against others of their skill level in the preliminary rounds.

The competition will take place in the Nova/Harvey booths (501/600)

- Winners will be chosen by attendee ballot
- Competitors will receive shirts
- Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Top prize will be a NOVA Comet Mini Lathe Bundle (a \$650 value)
- Other prizes include a set of Robert Sorby chisels (a \$300 value) and Bridge City tools from Harvey

The competition will consist of elimination rounds on Friday and on Saturday morning with the final three competitors going head to head on Saturday afternoon.

Because of the short time periods between the symposium rotations and sessions, the competition will be based on rounds of 20 minutes each to complete your piece – so the choice of project is critical. The nine turners who make it to round two on Saturday morning then do a second piece in 20 minutes. The final round on Saturday afternoon is also 20 minutes – so if you make it that far, you will be turning three pieces in the competition.

### Registration

- There is a limit of 18 participants/competitors.
- To complete sign-up and waiver forms, please contact Mark Strahler of Harvey Machinery at [mark@harveywoodworking.com](mailto:mark@harveywoodworking.com) or 412-298-6456 (Eastern Time zone).



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### Rules/Regulations

1. The competition is open to turners of all skill levels. Turners will be seeded for the earlier rounds based on a self-determined the skill level listed on your registration form. Your honest evaluation of your skill level is critical.
2. Competitors will be chosen on a first-come, first-served basis, so get your registration form submitted as early as possible.
3. All competitors must sign and submit a waiver form before the AAW Symposium. The form will be provided by the sponsors to the 18 competitors.
4. Competitors must come prepared to do three separate pieces as a new work must be done in each round. Competitors must supply their own project materials (wood, acrylic, etc.), to complete the project, including finishing materials, if desired.
5. Competitors will use the demo lathes in the Nova/Harvey booths. Some are floor lathes and some are mini lathes. Lathes will be assigned at random in advance of the AAW Symposium and turners will be informed ahead. The sponsors cannot guarantee which lathe you will be working on. Nova chucks will be available as needed and Klingspor will provide face shields. You may bring your own chisels or use other chisels which will be available in the booth. Once you are registered, the sponsors will work with you to be sure that you have what you need to complete your projects.
6. The work pieces you bring to the show can have no preliminary work done on them other than the following:
  - a. Bowl stock may be rough cut to near round and screwed to a face plate. No preliminary rough turnings will be accepted in the competition.
  - b. Pen blanks may be pre-drilled for the through hole.
  - c. Competitors will be asked to submit photos of their work materials before the AAW Symposium to be approved as acceptable for the competition.
7. All work will be displayed after the round for attendee judging and selection of the competitors for the next round. Competitors advancing to the next round will be contacted by mobile phone or email each evening by sponsors.
8. The projects for each round do not have to be different; you can turn a new version of the same project in each successive round.
9. Voting will be done by attendee ballot. Each work piece will be on display with only a number which to allow for judging on the merits of the work and not the turner's reputation.
10. Attendees working for one of the sponsors are not eligible to compete.

### Questions

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